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Operational activities for development: South-South Cooperation for development

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Bitrus Vandy Yohanna (Nigeria), on the basis of informal consultations on draft decision A/C.2/66/L.4

United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/220 of 23 December 2003,

Decides that, beginning in 2012, the observance of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation will be changed from 19 December to 12 September, to mark the day in 1978 when the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.[1]

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

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Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraphs 12, 14 and 30 of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene a high-level event in 2012 on the impact of the world financial crises on the financing of social development, as a dialogue on current global challenges, and in that regard, request the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to organize the event;

(b) Take note of the ongoing discussions on innovative mechanisms of financing for development, decide to convene a meeting on innovative mechanisms of financing for development, during its sixty-sixth session, with a view to addressing the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on innovative mechanisms of financing for development (A/66/334), including key issues, inter alia, additionality, the fragmentation of disbursements, monitoring, reporting mechanisms, governance and the definition of innovative financing, as well as the concern that some of the resources raised through innovative financing are currently accounted for as official development assistance, and request the Secretary-General to report on the meeting at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

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(c) Invite the President of the General Assembly to initiate consultations with Member States during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly with a view to holding the review conference on financing for development in 2013.

II. Relationship of the draft resolution to the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

2. The activities referred to above relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 24, Management and support services, of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1). They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, it is envisaged that the high-level event in 2012 on the impact of the world financial crisis will comprise two meetings with interpretation services in all six languages. Similarly, the meeting on innovative mechanisms of financing for development will comprise two meetings with interpretation services in all six languages and a report of the Secretary-General with up to a total number of 8,500 words to be issued in all six languages. As regards the consultations to be undertaken by the President of the General Assembly, it is estimated that five of such consultation meetings would be held with interpretation services in all six languages.

IV. Additional resource requirements for the biennium 2012-2013

4. The full costs of the activities envisaged under the terms of the draft resolution would amount to $177,800 for the biennium 2012-2013, comprising of $149,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and $28,800 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. The details of these additional requirements are provided in table 1 below.

Table 1
Additional resource requirements arising from the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, for the biennium 2012-2013
(United States dollars)

	High-level event in 2012	*Meetings on innovative mechanisms*	*Consultations by the President of the General Assembly*	*Total additional requirements in the biennium 2012-2013*
Meetings servicing	21 800	21 800	54 500	98 100
Documentation	—	50 900	—	50 900
Subtotal, section 2	**21 800**	**72 700**	**54 500**	**149 000**
Other meeting services — Central Support Services	10 600	5 200	13 000	28 800
Subtotal, section 29D	**10 600**	**5 200**	**13 000**	**28 800**
Grand total	**32 400**	**77 900**	**67 500**	**177 800**

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2012-2013

5. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the activities requested under paragraphs 12, 14 and 30 of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11. The Secretariat has sought to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet the additional requirements relating to the conference services and other meeting support services for the biennium 2012-2013 as referred to in table 1 above. It is considered that a total amount of $99,900 could be absorbed with respect to the services provided to the high-level event in 2012 and the consultations by the President of the General Assembly, through the budgetary provisions provided to service the General Assembly provided that there will be no parallel meetings of the General Assembly or its Working Groups when the high-level event and the consultation meetings are being held.

6. The net conference-related costs after absorption, amounting to $77,900, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013, as shown in table 2 below.

Table 2

Additional resource requirements arising from the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, after absorption for the biennium 2012-2013

(United States dollars)

	High-level event in 2012	*Meetings on innovative mechanisms*	*Consultations by the President of the General Assembly*	*Amount to be absorbed*	*Total net requirements in the biennium 2012-2013*
Meetings servicing	21 800	21 800	54 500	(76 300)	21 800
Documentation	—	50 900	—	—	50 900
Subtotal, section 2	**21 800**	**72 700**	**54 500**	**(76 300)**	**72 700**
Other meeting services — Central Support Services	10 600	5 200	13 000	(23 600)	5 200
Subtotal, section 29D	**10 600**	**5 200**	**13 000**	**(23 600)**	**5 200**
Grand total	**32 400**	**77 900**	**67 500**	**(99 900)**	**77 900**

VI. Contingency fund

7. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the approved or proposed programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditure were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

8. It is not possible at this stage to identify further activities under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified in order to meet the net additional requirements beyond the amount already proposed for absorption.

VII. Summary

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, additional resources in the total amount of $77,900 would be required, comprising $72,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $5,200 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.**

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Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development

Argentina:* draft resolution

Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,[1] which states, inter alia, that no State may use or encourage the use of unilateral economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights,

Bearing in mind the general principles governing the international trading system and trade policies for development contained in relevant resolutions, rules and provisions of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization,

Recalling its resolutions 44/215 of 22 December 1989, 46/210 of 20 December 1991, 48/168 of 21 December 1993, 50/96 of 20 December 1995, 52/181 of 18 December 1997, 54/200 of 22 December 1999, 56/179 of 21 December 2001, 58/198 of 23 December 2003, 60/185 of 22 December 2005, 62/183 of 19 December 2007 and 64/189 of 21 December 2009,

Gravely concerned that the use of unilateral coercive economic measures adversely affects the economy and development efforts of developing countries in particular and has a general negative impact on international economic cooperation and on worldwide efforts to move towards a non-discriminatory and open multilateral trading system,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

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Recognizing that such measures constitute a flagrant violation of the principles of international law as set forth in the Charter, as well as the basic principles of the multilateral trading system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

2. *Urges* the international community to adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use of unilateral coercive economic measures against developing countries that are not authorized by relevant organs of the United Nations or are inconsistent with the principles of international law as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and that contravene the basic principles of the multilateral trading system;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to condemn and reject the imposition of the use of such measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the imposition of measures of this nature and to study the impact of such measures on the affected countries, including the impact on trade and development;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

[2] A/66/138.

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Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Raymond Landveld (Suriname), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.26

Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[2] the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] including chapter VII on the sustainable development of small island developing States,

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[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.1.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

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Recalling the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[6] held on 24 and 25 September 2010, General Assembly resolution 65/156 of 20 December 2010 and all its other previous resolutions on the subject, as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[7]

Acknowledging the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[8] prepared in response to the request contained in the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;[6]

2. *Also notes* the report of the Secretary-General on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States;[9]

3. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

4. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[4]

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States";

6. *Also decides* to consider, at its sixty-seventh session, the reports of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[8] and on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States,[9] issued for the sixty-sixth session.

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[6] See resolution 65/2.

[7] A/65/115.

[8] A/66/278.

[9] A/66/218.